

Children's Shoes-- Special Sales Saturday--

Too many broken lines to invoice—we want to see these lines reduced several hundred pairs by Saturday night, hence the cut. The valuable savings offered and the fact that we can fit any child in these sale shoes makes a strong combination in your favor and ours.

All Sizes at these Cut Prices--

Regular \$1.50 Shoes, Saturday, \$1.25
Regular \$1.75 Shoes, Saturday, \$1.35
Regular \$2.00 Shoes, Saturday, \$1.45
Regular \$2.25 Shoes, Saturday, \$1.65

Special in Misses' Storm Alskas--

45 pairs of 75c Alskas—cold proof, 25c pair, Special to clear tomorrow

Women's Low-Heel Shoes--

Reduced for Saturday--

Easiest house shoes. Many teachers and others who stand or walk much have adopted them and proved their worth--

Cozy Shoes
Regular \$2.25
Shoes
Saturday
\$1.65

BRIGHTENS A BIT.

Baseball Situation Improves
With Abbott's Coming.

Will Make an Effort to Sign a
Good Team.

ONLY A FEW SIGNED.

These Nearly All Members of
Last Year's Team.

"Nig" Perrine May Be Secured
for Second Base.

While Captain S. A. Abbott of the Topeka baseball team was hibernating during the past three months at his home near Chicago, he put out lines for players for the Saints next summer, and succeeded in getting quite a number of good men to nibble on his bait. The best of them have, however, not yet been hooked. Upon Abbott's return to this city this morning he provided the Topeka fans with a little "todder" to masticate for a few days.

The following were given out as having actually signed contracts: Catchers—Stewart, Daugherty, Pitches—Howie, Hughes, Carter. First baseman—Abbott. Second baseman—Olson. Third baseman—Brown. Shortstop—McAndrews, Chandler. Outfielders—Cole, Kean.

Upon the following options for first call were obtained, which in plain English means that negotiations are on: Catchers—Henry, Baerwald. Pitches—Halle, Lethely, Henderson, Lowell. Second baseman—Nig Perrine. Shortstop—Kelly. Outfielders—Crum, Bevis, Parsons.

To come right down to the point, the personnel of the Saints for 1905 is just about as doubtful as ever, only it means that Captain Abbott has set himself hard at work to get a team for this summer. If he secures the men he has under option, or who have given him their terms, and at the same time, he will have an aggregation here next season of which the Topeka fans need not feel ashamed.

But much still hangs on that little contingent word "if." That the Topeka captain realizes himself, "Not by any means," he said this morning, "have we anything like a set team for this summer. In fact the make-up is as much in doubt as it has been right along. I have however gotten next to a lot of good men and it is up to the management to pay their price if they want them. Mr. Sheard and Mr. Logan were very chummy last summer of paying salaries, but they have just changed to the other extreme this year. They have loosened up the purse strings a whole lot and are very willing to pay a good salary to a good man. For that reason I am able to negotiate with high class players as I am doing. In the course of the next month I will probably be able to give the Topeka fans something of a definite idea as to the faces they may expect to see at the ball park next summer."

In summing up the men who have actually been signed, but one real good name appears among them, and that is Stewart, a catcher. Captain Abbott says that he will probably do the major share of the backstop work this summer. He is a Chicago man with a

good record. Last season when Sullivan, Comiskey's catcher on the Chicago White Sox got sick, and Eddie McFarland was suspended for being fractious, "Commie" needed a backstop. Stewart came. He caught the famous White Sox leader like a child likes candy. He is a mere boy, however, and inexperienced. Comiskey recommended him, highly to Abbott and wants him back again next year for a try-out. Daugherty is from Oklahoma and will report for trial, but will probably not stick in the season. Chandler for the infield are both simply "try-out" material. They come from southern Illinois. Kean is from the Chicago City League and is a phenomenal young hitter, smashing the ball last year at .431. What he will do in regular professional company is of course a matter of conjecture.

The real material, however, is to be found in the "optional" list. Jack Henry, of Butte, Mont., wants to come here. He played in Topeka last year, in the season with Wilmet's Pacific Nationals from Butte. He is a rattling good man and if Sheard and Logan will meet his price, he will be the right field. In the pitching department is to be found some excellent material. Halle, the crack all-around man for Pittsburgh last year, next to Bill Terrence, will come. Henderson, 1904 All Star pitcher, is the only pitcher of the league, but he is probably not available, because President Shively, himself, has signed him to the American association. He probably wants to get a berth here in case he falls to with the Hoosiers. Lethely, by battle from Omaha, and will come if Sheard and Logan meet his price. He is said to possess more steam than Jack Ross. Lowell was the crack outfielder for Lowell last season. He will come here if the trade started at Kansas City on Thursday goes through. At that time, Jack Hall, with a cash consideration of \$25 for Crum and Lowell. It looks like a hazy sort of deal. Captain Abbott will see to it that the deal is made on Saturday and try to finish the negotiations. Crum will come here, having already signified his willingness to do so. King Kelly, of Sioux City, in the Western league last year, can be had at short. He wants a good price. Abbott had him in the Northern league several years ago and sold him to Sioux City for \$150. Roy Bevis wants to come, but the negotiations for him are operating under an evil misapprehension. Secretary Logan said that he promised to come to Topeka this year for as large a salary as paid any Topeka outfielder. Bevis says that he agreed to come here for as much as a salary as paid any outfielder in the league. Further than that he will not sign the reserve clause in the contract. But the big man for whom Abbott is battling is Nig Perrine, last year's second baseman and captain at Springfield. Nig was tried out by the Kansas City Blues, and he was paid \$200 a month. The crack little fellow is still in the grip of Kansas City, but is looking for a sure thing for the summer. Yesterday, when he was approached by Abbott and said: "Make me an offer for next season, will you?" "I can't do it," replied Abbott. "The cause is not money. I'll give you \$250 a month." "Well, make an offer anyway," retorted Nig. "All right," said Abbott, "I'll give you \$125 a month." "Give me \$100 advance money and I'll sign," replied the crack little second baseman. Abbott expects to close the deal tonight.

"I think it will make a nice bunch if we land it," commented Captain Abbott, after giving out his information. "The fans can see just how things stand. They need not fear for a team for next season. I am sure that Topeka will have a one-two-three action. I would like to see the team line up the first day of the season. Lowell, pitcher; Stewart, catcher; Abbott, first base; Carter, second base; Olson, shortstop; Kelly, third base; Cole, Crum and Bevis, outfield."

"If you had your choice of the men whom you have signed and those upon whom you have options, which ones would you take?" was asked.

"Behind the bat I would have Stewart and Carter. On the pitching staff, not faring on Henderson, I would have Hughes, Lethely and Lethely. I would like to have a good man, but Lowell is a better left-hand pitcher, and one south paw is enough. The following arrangement: Abbott on first, Perrine on second, Olson at short and King or Kelly at third. The first day of the season would be released. In the outfield I would like to see Bevis, Cole and Crum. But we will bring in the rest of the team and in that way one can tell the best of them. Johnny Kane has joined a California league, and I don't think he will stay with Joplin. So we can not consider either of those men further for the outfield."

EARLY SEASON GAMES.
Topeka will have baseball from March 24 this year. On that date the St. Louis Cardinals will stop over for an exhibition

game. They will carry 24 men on their southern trip and play a game in Topeka between themselves. Arrangements were concluded yesterday with the local management to secure the grounds for that time.

Manager Abbott is ordering all of his players to report in Topeka on April 6. Altogether there will probably be 22 men here at that time. Exhibition games between the players will be put on every afternoon. Select's Chicago Nationals, the Kansas City Blues and the St. Joe Western league team will all be here for exhibition games. A series will also be arranged with the Washburn college team. The Topeka fans can therefore look for baseball all through April.

The regular season will open on April 30 with Topeka playing at Oklahoma City. The other opening towns are Guthrie, Springfield and Joplin. The schedule will be made up by Joe Roe of Sedalia.

BUSINESS SHUT DOWN.

Burlington, Ia., Jan. 27.—Between the hour of 10 and 11 today every store and factory in the city was closed in order to enable employees to attend revival service. A moral wave is sweeping the city. Many residences are being thrown open daily for the purpose of holding prayer meetings. Mayor Carter issued a proclamation urging all to close shops today and spend the time in divine worship.

Mr. Downing Is Named.
B. H. Downing, of Wichita, was appointed election commissioner for that city by Governor Hoch. Wichita has not been provided with an election commissioner for several years, the work being done by the city clerk. The appointment of Downing was made upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Insurance Lulling and Representative A. C. Husey of Wichita. Topeka and Kansas City, Kansas, are the only cities in the state heretofore provided with election commissioners.

Four Trainmen Killed.
Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 27.—A south-bound passenger train and a north-bound freight train on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad collided today near Tallahoma, Tenn., killing four trainmen and injuring several passengers. None of the passengers were seriously hurt, as far as is known. The trains met on a straight track.

Coolies for Samoa.
Cologne, Jan. 27.—Germany is introducing Chinese labor in Samoa according to the Cologne Gazette, which says six hundred coolies have been collected at Swatow, China, awaiting transshipment to Samoa. The German government pays half the cost of the transportation of the laborers.

Government Defeat Complete.
Budapest, Hungary, Jan. 27.—The defeat of the government at the recent elections appears to have been complete. The opposition secured 171 seats out of the 318 results so far known. The workmen of the city are these members of the Kossuth party.

Casualties at Riga.
Riga, Russia, Jan. 27.—Twenty-nine men and two women were killed and 27 civilians and eight soldiers wounded by revolver shots during yesterday's rioting, according to the returns made by the hospitals. At the request of the workers of Riga, the theaters of this city have been closed.

Strike at Warsaw.
Warsaw, Russia, Jan. 27.—A strike was started here today and is spreading rapidly. A number of factories are closed. The workmen are quiet.

Can't be perfect health without pure blood. Blood Purifier makes pure blood. Tones and invigorates the whole system.

SEEING IS BELIEVING.
The Wadsworth Bros.' Chico Is a Long Havana Filler, Says Stansfield, and He Proves It.

When a cigar salesman told Geo. W. Stansfield it was not possible to sell a long Havana filler, such as he claims the Wadsworth Bros.' Chico is, for so, the reply was: "Well, it is an easy thing to see whether it can be done or not," and he took a Chico from its box and cut it open. The filler was there—long, rich, silky Havana—just what was needed to make the good smoke that the Chico is. Seeing is believing, but with the Chico, smoking is better. Try one and see for yourself, all lovers of a good smoke, how fine a cigar can be sold for 3c. The best people in Topeka, those who never need to smoke anything less than a 10c. cigar, now buy the Chico at Geo. W. Stansfield's, 612 Kansas avenue, for a nickel, and get a better smoke for less money.



Men's \$1.50, \$1.35 and \$1.25 Buckle and Alaska Overshoes, for.....98c

Men's \$1.75 and \$2 Best and Heaviest Overshoes, for..\$1.25 and \$1.35

Men's Felt Boots and Rubber Boots at greatly reduced prices.

Men's and Ladies' Felt Shoes and Slippers at about 1/2 price.

Ladies' \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00 Dress and Street Shoes, for.....\$1.98

Ladies' \$3.50 and \$4 Shoes....\$2.48

Ladies' \$2.25 and \$2 Shoes....\$1.48

50c and 35c Overgaiters for.....19c

Men's, Women's and Children's Leggings at almost.....Half Price

75c Overgaiters for.....39c

60c Storm Rubbers for.....39c

50c Foothold Rubbers for.....25c

Ladies' \$1 and \$1.25 Buckle and Alaska Overshoes for.....75c

Boys' \$1.50 and \$1.75 Shoes..\$1.29

6 Pairs Shoe Laces for.....5c

10c Shoe Polishes, for.....5c

25c Lambs' wool Soles, for.....15c

10c Cork Soles, ..5c

Men's Slippers, in dozens of styles, all on sale at Greatly Reduced Prices.

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All Winter Shoes Now at Greatly Reduced Prices!

All former prices and marks not considered. We must reduce our stock. If you need Shoes, come to this sale Tomorrow. You will profit by it. We have Shoes for everybody--Men, Women, and Children, and every pair is on sale at a Reduced Price.

Ladies' and Misses' \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$1.85 Shoes—cut to.....\$1.29

\$2.00 Patent leather Shoes for Boys, cut to....\$1.48

Men's High-cut Shoes cut to almost 1/2 price.

Men's \$1.75 and \$2 Shoes cut to.....\$1.29

"W. L. Douglas" \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 Shoes— for.....\$2.45

Ladies' \$2.50 and \$3 Strap Sandals.....\$1.98

Indian Moccasins for Men, Women and Children, at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Boys' \$2.50, \$2.25 and \$2.00 Viol Kid and Box Calf Shoes for....\$1.48

"Dunlap" \$5 and \$6 Shoes...\$2.85

Ladies' 75c Bedroom Slippers...39c

Children's 50c Bedroom Slippers, 29c

Ladies' \$1.25, \$1.35 and \$1.50 Strap Sandals and House Shoes— Now on sale for.....98c

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